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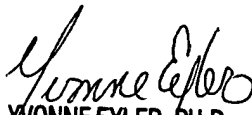
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The reply filed on 4/3/02 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action 11/23/01 because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant was required to comply with the rules regarding sequence disclosures, see page 3 of the prior Office Action. Applicant was notified that the raw sequence listing for SEQ ID NO: 2 has a stretch of amino acids that appear to have been intended to be nucleic acids, e.g. each amino acid is either A, T, C, or G. Compare the raw sequence listing to Fig. 1, begin at position 89 of the sequence listing - they do not match. Applicant is encouraged to call the examiner if this problem cannot be identified. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael T. Brannock, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 306-5876. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler, Ph.D., can be reached at (703) 308-6564. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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